

***EUCHROMIUS CAMBRIDGEI* (ZELLER, 1867) (LEP.: PYRALIDAE, CRAMBINAE) AN ADVENTIVE SPECIES NEW TO BRITAIN**¹P. D. SHARPE AND ²D.V. MANNING¹ 41 Julian Way, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN2 8AA.² 27 Glebe Rise, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1JB.**Abstract**

The first occurrence of *Euchromius cambridgei* (Zeller, 1867) (Lep.: Pyralidae, Crambinae) in Britain is documented and the moth is illustrated in colour.

Discussion

After the night of 16-17 August 2005, PDS found a pyralid moth that he was unable to recognize on a sheet adjacent to the moth trap in his garden at Kingsthorpe. He pinned the specimen, which was later photographed by J. Blincow. An image was then sent to DVM, in his role as micro-moth recorder for Northamptonshire, for identification. Although DVM considered that the moth appeared to be a *Euchromius* species, he was unable to name it to species level. Subsequently, he forwarded the image to both David Agassiz and John Langmaid, who independently identified it as *Euchromius cambridgei* (Zeller, 1867) – a member of the subfamily Crambinae of the pyralids.

The species is illustrated in Plate A and is also pictured in Błeszyński (1965), where the genitalia are figured.



Plate A. *Euchromius cambridgei* (Zell.). Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire, 16 August 2005, P. D. Sharpe.

Euchromius cambridgei occurs in southern Europe, the Canary Isles, North Africa and the Middle East from Jordan, Iran, Arabia, to Afghanistan and West Pakistan. The present example represents the first record of this species in the British Isles. The larval foodplant is unrecorded.

John Langmaid has suggested that in the British checklist this species should follow *Euchromius ocella* (Haworth) and should be given the Bradley & Fletcher (1979) species number 1289a.

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Peribatodes ilicaria (Geyer) (Lep.: Geometridae) in Kent in 2002

Whilst recently looking through the species accounts in the *Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland* (2003) by Waring & Townsend, I noticed a report of *Peribatodes ilicaria* (Lydd Beauty) had been included from Dymchurch, Kent on 21 July 2002. This record refers to a specimen taken by the late Dennis O'Keeffe and tentatively identified as *ilicaria* at the time of capture. Sadly Dennis died suddenly later that year before he had a chance to fully examine the moth in question. Subsequent to Dennis's death, Bernard Skinner, Brian Elliot and myself all examined the specimen, and agreed that it was a rather worn example of *Cleorodes lichenaria* (Brussels Lace); thus, the record in the *Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland* must be regarded as erroneous. Interestingly, although *Cleorodes lichenaria* is not a resident species in Kent, a second example occurred at Greatstone a few days later, both specimens probably being continental in origin.— SEAN CLANCY, 1 Myrtle Villas, Sussex Road, New Romney, Kent TN28 8DY.